Jayamkondam Blocks in South Arcot district through exploratory drilling, borehole geophysics and matching geological and analytical work. MECL has so far established 3078 million tonnes of Lignite with calorific values between 794 and 3269 at Neyveli. Further work is continuing.

Threat of locust invasion

*153 SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been warned by the Emergency Centre for Locust Operations of UN Food and Agriculture Organisation that India faces threat of locust invasion; and

(b) if so, what measures are being taken to combat the locust swarms?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) The Government of India has been advised that the possibility of locust groups reaching India from the west cannot be ruled out.

(b) (i) Regular interaction is being maintained between the Locust Control Organisations of India, Pakistan and the FAO;

(ii) Constant vigilance is being kept on locust activity in the Scheduled Desert Area;

(iii) Locust Warning Organisation has been geared up with mobilisation of man-power, vehicles, equipment, pesticides etc.;

(iv) A detailed contingency plan has been drawn up for the deployment of men and material at strategic locations to tackle any emergent situation; and

(v) The State Governments of Gujarat, Haryana, Punjab and Rajasthan have been alerted.

ग्रामीण स्वच्छता कार्यक्रम के लिए उत्तर प्रदेश को धनराशियां

*154. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान केन्द्र द्वारा प्रायोजित ग्रामीण स्वच्छता कार्यक्रम के अधीन उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार को कितनी धनराशि स्वीकृत की गई ; और

(ख) उन परियोजनाओं का ब्यौरा क्या है जिन पर ये धनराशियां खर्च की गयी थीं ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में ग्रामीण विकास विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जनार्दन पुजारी) : (क) वर्ष 1986 में पहली बार केन्द्र द्वारा प्रायोजित ग्रामीण स्वच्छता कार्यक्रम शुरू किया *गया था और पहली राशि नवम्बर, 1986* में रिलीज की गई थी । राज्य सरकार को वर्ष 1986–87 और 1987–88 में क्रमश: 67 लाख रुपये और 25 लाख रुपये की राशि रिलीज की गई थी ।

(ख) राज्य सरकार ने सूचित किया है कि 2625 शौचालयों के निर्माण की परियोजना राज्य के सभी 57 जिलों में कार्यान्वित की गई थी जिनमें से 23 लाख रुपये की लागत से अभी तक 2200 शौचालयों का निर्माण कार्य पूरा हो चुका है ।

Newsprint allocation policy

*156. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the newsprint allocation policy of Government; and

(b) what are the guidelines to decide the allotment of newsprint?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) The Newsprint Allocation Policy of the Government envisages meeting the genuine requirements of the newspapers with special consideration for the needs of the small and medium newspapers. The policy is essentially need based and the total requirements of the newspapers are worked out on actual con-

sumption basis with an overall growth margin of 5 per cent. After taking into account the indigenous availability, the balance is imported subject to the availability of foreign exchange.

Introduction of Doordarshan's afternoon Transmisson

*158. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan's ambitious plans to introduce afternoon transmission and increase the telecast time in general have been thwarted by the unprecedented number of vacancies in the network's programme and engineering posts; and

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) Doordarshan is constrained by the shortage of staff. However, it is still trying to increase telecast time.

Loss under Crop Insurance Scheme

*159. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have incurred loss under the comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme;

(b) if so, what is the quantum of loss under this Scheme during the kharif crop of 1985, 1986 and 1987;

(c) whether any other proposal is under Government's consideration in lieu of Crop Insurance Scheme to give relief to cultivators; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The quantum of loss under this Scheme during Kharif 1985, 1986 and 1987 seasons are Rs. 83.89 crore, Rs. 166.85 crore and Rs. 298 crore (approx.), respectively.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Removal of poverty of tribal families in Orissa

*160. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of schemes have been formulated for removal of poverty of the tribals in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all these schemes have been implemented; and

(d) if so, the progress made during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The following family oriented antipoverty programmes are being implemented for tribals in the State of Orissa:—

1. Integrated Rural Development Programme;

2. Economic Rehabilitation of Rural Poor;

3. Assistance to Small & Marginal Farmers;

4. Release and Rehabilitation of Bonded Labouers;

5. Integrated Tribal Development Agencies' Programmes;

6. Modified Area Development Approach (MADA) Programmes;

7. Micro Projects for Primitive Tribes;

8. Dispersed Tribal Development Programmes;